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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH GOP OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR AIRLIFT COORDINATION, WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED THAT TWO REPEAT TWO DC-8'S CONTRIBUTED BY U.S. CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR AIRLIFT THROUGH NOVEMBER 3. AIRLIFT WILL BE DEFINITELY TERMINATED AS OF THAT DATE.

2. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IS BASED ON GOP'S ESTIMATE OF NEED TO TRANSPORT 1000 TO 1500 PASSENGERS PER DAY THROUGH THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF NOVEMBER.

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3. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, GOP IS PLANNING TO CONTINUE FLIGHTS OF TWO TAP-747'S IN ADDITION TO OURS.

4. GOP AIRLIFT COORDINATOR STATED THAT IF U.S. COULD ONLY PROVIDE ONE AIRCRAFT FOR FIRST THREE DAYS OF NOVEMBER, HE WOULD REQUEST BRITISH AND SOVIETS FLIGHTS TO CONTINUE BEYOND THEIR PRESENT TERMINATION DATE OF 31 OCTOBER. FYI BRITISH AND SOVIET PLANES CARRY LESS THAN 150 PASSENGERS EACH. END FYI.

5. ON BASIS OF CONTINUING NEED WE RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF TWO U.S. DC-7'S THROUGH NOVEMBER 3.

6. SINCE INABILITY ON OUR PART TO CONTINUE WILL REQUIRE GOP TO FIND IMMEDIATELY OTHER ALTERNATIVE, REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION AND NOTIFICATION OF DECISION.
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